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1. WE ADOPTED THE PRACTICE LAST SUMMER OF A REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING INCLUDING THE DCM, THE MINISTER-COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR, AND THE ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, WITH OTHERS INCLUDED FROM TIME TO TIME, TO REVIEW AND UPDATE ON A ROLLING BASIS REPORTING PLANS FOR COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS. THE AIMS HAVE BEEN TO TRY TO ASSURE THAT KEY SUBJECTS ARE PROPERLY COVERED AND THAT THE RESOURCES OF THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SECTIONS ARE BROUGHT TO BEAR IN A COORDINATED MANNER TO MEET REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. TASK FORCES OF SELECTED REPORTING OFFICERS FROM BOTH SECTIONS ARE CONVENED AS NECESSARY UNDER APPROPRIATE CHAIRMANSHIP TO DISCUSS PROJECTS CALLING FOR JOINT REPORTS THAT ENTAIL SEVERAL CONTRIBUTORS OR A SERIES OF REPORTS COVERING DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF A COMPLEX MATTER.  
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OUR REPRESENTATION TARGETS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED THIS YEAR AS WELL BY A TASK FORCE WHOSE EFFORTS WERE KEYED IN PART TO SUBSTANTIVE REPORTING GOALS.

2. THE WEEKLY COORDINATING GROUP HAS ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMAL REPORTING PLAN OF PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS FOR THE BALANCE OF THE CALENDAR YEAR, ON WHICH WE WOULD

WELCOME DEPARTMENT COMMENT:

I. INTERNAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS

- A) THE FINANCE BILL AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE DURABILITY OF THE MINORITY LABOR GOVERNMENT
- B) DEVELOPMENT OF PHASE IV PAY POLICY: THE EMERGING TUC-LABOR PARTY RELATIONSHIP
- C) LEADERSHIP ABILITY AND POLICY ATTITUDES OF NEW LEADERS OF TGWU AND AUEW
- D) CURRENT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY DEVOLUTION BILLS AND THEIR AFTERMATH IN SCOTLAND AND WALES
- E) NORTHERN IRELAND AND ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS, AS DEVELOPMENTS DICTATE
- F) TIMING AND PROSPECTS FOR GENERAL ELECTION AND INFERRED ELECTORAL STRATEGIES OF THE MAJOR PARTIES:
  - (L) ANALYSIS OF MAIN LINES OF PARTY POLICIES, INCLUDING CAMPAIGN MANIFESTOES IF AND WHEN ISSUED
  - (2) SPECIAL ANALYSIS OF VIEWS, INTENTIONS AND PROSPECTS OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADERSHIP
- G) ANNUAL PARTY CONFERENCES, IF HELD
- H) ARRANGEMENTS FOR EC DIRECT ELECTIONS, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ANTI-EC LABOR

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II. EXTERNAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS

- A) SOUTHERN AFRICA, INCLUDING RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA
- B) ARMS CONTROL ISSUES, INCLUDING SSOD, SALT, MBFR, CTB, GRAY AREAS, CW, CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS, ETC.
- C) NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION (ENERGY ASPECTS TO BE COVERED MAINLY IN ECONOMIC REPORTING)
- D) BRITISH DEFENSE PLANS, INCLUDING HMG'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE NATO LTDP AND FOLLOW-ON, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE FUTURE BRITISH STRATEGIC DETERRENT
- E) THE UK VIEW OF EAST WEST RELATIONS, INCLUDING AFTERMATH TO CSCE AND ANGLO-EAST EUROPEAN RELATIONS, KEYED ALSO TO MINISTERIAL AND OTHER HIGH-LEVEL VISITS
- F) THE BRITISH ROLE IN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY THE BALANCE BETWEEN ITS CONTINENTAL ASPIRATIONS AND ITS TRANS-ATLANTIC SYMPATHIES
- G) UK ACTIVITIES AND INSIGHTS INTO PROBLEMS IN

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OTHER REGIONS, PARTICULARLY MIDDLE EAST,  
MEDITERRANEAN, INDIAN OCEAN, AND CARIBBEAN,  
AND INCLUDING ANGLO-SPANISH RELATIONS AND  
GIBRALTAR

H) KEEPING THE US AND UK IN STEP ON HUMAN  
RIGHTS AND OTHER ISSUES IN THE UN SYSTEM

### III. ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

- A) THE BRITISH ECONOMIC SITUATION (PERIODIC  
ROUNDUPS, WITH REGULAR WEEKLY AND SPOT  
REPORTS BETWEEN)
- B) UKG ECONOMIC POLICIES AND PLANS
- C) THE BRITISH ROLE IN MEETING THE WORLD  
ECONOMIC SITUATION (CURRENTLY PREPARATIONS  
FOR THE JULY SUMMIT MEETING)
- D) ENERGY ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION
- E) NORTH SEA OIL
- F) TRADE:
  - (1) POLICY - PROTECTIONISM
  - (2) MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
- G) BRITISH ROLE IN NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE

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- H) BRITISH AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT AND PRODUCTION  
PLANS, ESPECIALLY COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR CIVIL AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION
- I) INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY (POST-BULLOCK PLANS FOR  
WORKER DIRECTORS)
- J) BRITISH POSITION ON CONDUCT OF MULTINATIONAL  
CORPORATIONS

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